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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
Board on Geographic Names

SUBJECT: Authorization to Initiate NIS Geographic Name
Projects

1. The Central Intelligence Agency hereby authorizes the U. S. Board on Geographic Names to undertake preliminary name research and [REDACTED] for such purposes, on those areas, and in order of priority as indicated in paragraph 3, below.

2. It is requested that:

a. Appropriate action be taken so that the resultant work on the designated areas will have the status of "Official Standard Names" of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names.

b. Initial work be confined to the preparation of preliminary gazetteers for the designated areas. Specifications and authorization for component projects within these areas will be furnished at a later date.

3. The NIS areas for which the above actions are authorized are listed as follows:

NIS#	Title	NIS#	Title
26	USSR	10	Norway
33	Iran	11	Sweden
29	Transjordan	39	China
30	Iraq	27	Turkey
28	Syria and Lebanon		
		54	Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
32	Saudi Arabia	41	Korea
53	Egypt	86	Venezuela

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25X6	4	Netherlands		17	Italy
		[REDACTED]		65	Alaska
	7	Denmark		67	Greenland
	49	Libya		34	Afghanistan
	8	Spain		40	Mongolian People's Republic
	9	Portugal			

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